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Report to the Community



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PRESIDIO TUNNEL TOPS

A promise delivered

WE CAN'T WAIT to stand next to you at Presidio Tunnel Tops and marvel at more than just the spectacular views. In this year of milestones, including our 40th anniversary, Presidio Tunnel Tops builds on our history towards a bright future for people in parks.

Soon we can walk from Crissy Field, a true gem 20 years after its transformation, up to the Main Post of the Presidio. Young people are already gathering at the revamped Crissy Field Center and jumping off to park connections across the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Community groups are making Presidio Tunnel Tops their own through programs like Presidio Activators and special site tours.

These park connections are all thanks to you, and that's why we're filled with immense gratitude for your support in this moment and across the years. Presidio Tunnel Tops and our parks are beacons for people across the region and the world, 50 years after the GGNRA was designated public land thanks to the work of Amy Meyer and others.

Thanks to park heroes like you, we have these open spaces, free and open to all, for people to create forever memories. We'll celebrate all we've accomplished together at Presidio Tunnel Tops!



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THE OUTDOORS ACCEPT EVERYONE. MOTHER NATURE HAS ALWAYS HAD OUR BACK. Parks represent clean air, being around trees, making sure my daughter is safe. Parks can be painful reminders of inequities but they can also be beautiful reminders of our connection to the land and to each other.”

— Khafre Jay



KHAFRE IS THE FOUNDER OF HIP HOP FOR CHANGE, which addresses socio-economic injustices and solutions through hip hop culture. We've been honored to work with Khafre and the entire Presidio Activator Council, a group of Bay Area community leaders, activists, and artists. They're developing innovative ways to incorporate art, culture, food, healing, wellness, and music at Presidio Tunnel Tops, so it feels like a welcoming and inclusive space. The council was formed by the Partnership for the Presidio.

Hear more from Khafre in our Q&A at parksconservancy.org/khafre

THE FUTURE OF PARKS

CONNECTING THE PAST TO Crissy Field is a landmark of what people can accomplish together for open space. What was once a concrete and derelict airfield “has become central to San Francisco’s identity,” according to Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House. Throughout 2021, we celebrated 20 years of Crissy Field and how it’s become a destination for all.

We welcomed Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, who visited park sites across the GGNRA. At Alcatraz, Secretary

Haaland marked the anniversary of the Occupation of Alcatraz Island by the Indians of All Tribes.

We were thrilled to unveil the revitalized Warming Hut in 2021, restoring a beloved destination for all who visit Crissy Field. The “Crissy Mocha” became an instant hit!

Throughout 2021, we kept our eyes on the future. After a strategic review process that included input from across our parks community, we’re excited to bring the parks to life in these key areas in 2022 and beyond:



Access to parks and community engagement

THE BIG LOCKUP: New, award-winning Alcatraz exhibit places the prison within the context of incarceration in the U.S., where 2.3 million people are behind bars.

PUBLIC LIBRARY PARTNERSHIPS: Programs like StoryWalks and Nature Boost Fridays have helped the San Francisco Public Library increase summer program numbers from 8,000 participants to 30,000.

► **LOOKING AHEAD:** Presidio Activators are co-creating programs and community opportunities at Presidio Tunnel Tops.



Youth leadership and career pathways

BACK TO THE PARKS: We welcomed nearly 3,000 young people for a variety of in-person and virtual programs in 2021.

INSPIRING YOUNG EMERGING LEADERS (I-YEL): For the Crissy Field Center’s 20th anniversary, we surveyed more than 70 I-YEL alumni. More than 90% said I-YEL helped them gain interest in national parks and led to their further participation in social and environmental justice movements.

► **LOOKING AHEAD:** We’ve been hiring Adventure Guides, who will help people navigate Presidio Tunnel Tops when it opens.

Community science and stewardship

BLACK POINT HISTORIC GARDENS: We celebrated the reopening of this park site at Fort Mason in 2021 thanks to years of dedication from our volunteers, who removed 65 years’ worth of vegetation.

PROTECTING MONARCHS: With monarch butterfly numbers in decline, the One Tam partners received a \$400,000 grant to invest in protection of monarch habitat.

► **LOOKING AHEAD:** New phases of the Tamalpais Bee Lab and Marin Wildlife Watch projects will require more people power.



Designing for climate resilience

BOTHIN MARSH: In 2021, working with Marin County Parks, we presented a community-favored design to help this space and the Mill Valley-Sausalito Multi-use Pathway adapt to rising seas.

► **LOOKING AHEAD:** Initiatives like One Tam Peak Health studies allow us to monitor, restore, and protect our local ecosystems into the future.

Video and inspirational stories online

See this Annual Report come to life online! Watch a video on the impact of the new Crissy Field Center, hear from a young donor who found inspiration running for the Parks Conservancy, and more. Find us at annualreport.parksconservancy.org

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